

Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 - Introduced

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1214)

1 A Concurrent Resolution to establish a fine arts
2 program interim study committee.

3 WHEREAS, Iowa's fine arts standards were approved
4 and adopted by the Iowa state board of education
5 on November 15, 2017, based on the Iowa fine arts
6 standards adoption team's recommendation; and

7 WHEREAS, the federal Every Student Succeeds
8 Act (ESSA), Pub. L. No. 114-95, includes the arts,
9 sciences, and humanities as essential components of a
10 well-rounded education; and

11 WHEREAS, it is important for Iowa to inventory its
12 fine arts education staffing and curriculum as the
13 state moves forward in implementing the new fine arts
14 standards; NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the legislative
17 council is requested to appoint an interim study
18 committee to review the funding; staffing and
19 professional development; course offerings, including
20 arts integration courses; parental, family, and
21 community engagement measures; procurement of and
22 access to instructional materials; and state priorities
23 for fine arts education in broader school-improvement
24 efforts; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study
26 committee shall consist of an equal number of majority
27 and minority members from the senate and the house of

1 representatives; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the legislative council
3 is encouraged to appoint to the interim study committee
4 public members or direct the study committee to seek
5 input from or to appoint an advisory committee from
6 the following stakeholders: the arts educators of
7 Iowa; the Iowa bandmasters association; the Iowa
8 choral directors association; the Iowa communication
9 association; the Iowa music educators association;
10 Orff and Kodaly chapters and educators; the Iowa
11 educational theatre association; the Iowa string
12 teachers association; the Iowa state dance and drill
13 team association; the Iowa department of education;
14 the area education agencies; and school districts
15 and accredited nonpublic schools representing large,
16 medium, and small schools in rural, suburban, and urban
17 areas of Iowa; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study
19 committee shall submit its findings and recommendations
20 to the general assembly on or before December 20, 2019,
21 and the recommendations shall be used to assist the
22 state of Iowa in aligning fine arts programs to the
23 state's academic standards and the state's ESSA plan.